

Gods of SMALL THINGS
Ure Museum, Department of Classics, University of Reading
21-22 September 2009

Small and portable objects functioned in a variety of non-commercial contexts in the ancient Mediterranean. What was the importance, for example, of knucklebones and mass-produced vases deposited in caves? Such objects are often fragmentary and/or overlooked, even by excavators. Some dedications at religious and secular sites alike have received considerable attention as artefacts of exquisite craftsmanship and/or evidence of mercantile activity. But how can these items and assemblages of them, whether or not they were used as offerings, inform us about the relationships between humans, their ancestors and gods?

This 2-day international conference at the University of Reading will investigate the cumulative value of non-prestige ex votos, through the following questions:

What does the mobility and portability of an object contribute to its object biography?

Do local traditions favour the dedication of small, personal, and/or mundane objects?

How do such small objects relate to the human body and its participation in travel and other human endeavours?

Could small dedications reflect a continuum between the religious and domestic sphere?

Please fill out the attached booking form and send it back to Nina L Aitken, School Administrator, with payment **by the 21st August 2009**. We are able to accept only cheques in pounds sterling (made payable to “**The University of Reading**”) or credit cards (please fill in required information below)..

Contact details for the return of the form (please mark the envelope “**God of Small things**”) are:

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Confirmation of your booking requirements will be sent out 14 days prior to the event taking place.

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BOOKING FORM

Title: _____ First Name(s): _____ Surname: _____

Institutional Affiliation (if any): _____

Address: _____

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Please tick as applicable:

- £130 Full package, including 2 nights in Hall of Residence, with an ensuite room
- £100 Full package, including 2 nights in Hall of Residence, with a Hand Basin room
- £85 Student package, including 2 nights in Hall of Residence, with a Hand Basin room
- £50 Conference Fee Two Day rate, 21-22 September 2009
- £30 Conference Fee Two Day rate (student), 21-22 September 2009
- £30 Conference Fee Day rate, 21 September / 22 September 2009 (delete as necessary)
- £20 Conference Fee Day rate (student), 21 Sept. / 22 Sept. 2009 (delete as necessary)
- £35 Conference Dinner 21 September 2009 (speakers only)

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